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WILLIAM O'BRIEN, hotelkeeper, Brandon, has sold out.

A. V. BECKSTEAD, hotelkeeper, Emerson, has been burned out.

HOWAT'S pork packing establishment, Brandon, is now in full operation.

CRAWFORD & WOOD, speculators, Birtle, are about to dissolve partnership.

D. CAMERON, of Calgary, has opened a grain and feed store at Medicine Hat.

The steamer "Alpha" will ply on the Assiniboine this season north of Brandon.

C. H. MATHERS, formerly of the *Liberal*, will take charge of the *Neepawa Canadian*.

Work has been commenced upon the Hudson's Bay Co.'s new store at Battleford.

AMOS ROWE, of the *Times* Printing & Publishing Company, Winnipeg, has retired from the Company.

The *Neepawa News* has given notice that it will apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for incorporation as the *Neepawa Printing and Publishing Co. (limited)*

THE N.W.C.&N. Co. sawmill at Fort McLeod has been slightly damaged by fire.

THE plans of a handsome business block, to be erected in the spring at Morden, have just been completed by W. D. McLeod.

PATTERSON & GIBSON, furniture dealers, Birtle, have dissolved partnership. F. F. Patterson will continue the business alone.

It is reported that the banking firm of Laferty & Smith, of Regina, will shortly open a branch office at Calgary, under the management of Mr. F. N. Christie.

MESSRS. GRAY & BLOCKADAR, Morden, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by F. C. Gray, who will add to the business boots and shoes.

OUR report of the dissolution of the firm of Goldstein, Zinkan & Co., should have been as follows: Goldstein, Zinkan & Co., general storekeepers, Troy, have dissolved partnership, Zinkan retiring, Goldstein & Beauchamp will continue business at Qu'Appelle, and T. Zinkan will continue alone at Fort Qu'Appelle.

THERE will be an effort made to get a bill passed by our Local Legislature for the equal distribution of insolvent debtors' assets, which will be based upon what is known as the "Creditors' Relief Act." Messrs. Kenneth Mackenzie, A. Mackeand, J. H. Ashdown, R. J. Whitla, G. F. Galt, S. A. D. Bertrand, and G. F. Stephens are working as a committee of the Board of Trade in the interests of such a bill, and have the assurance of the Attorney-General that it will receive the support of the Government and no doubt pass this session.

At a meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association, held at the Grand Union Hotel, on Saturday evening, Mr. T. Johnson, the president, announced that the Association had been successful in securing uniform reduced rates of travel for its members over the C.P.R. and other Northwestern lines. A resolution was passed pledging the members to support only the hotels and liveries giving special rates to commercial men; a list of which was to be furnished to each member. A vote of thanks to the C.P.R. for their liberality, and some other routine matters, made up the balance of the business.

A MEETING of the subscribers in Winnipeg of the Bell Telephone Company, has been called for this evening, to consider the rates charged by that company, the result of which will appear in our next issue. Let us hope that the company's charges will be reduced to something like moderation.

THE *Regina Leader*, of the 10th of March, contains the following: "The Fourth" of the month is generally a day of heavy payments when, in many places, the Notaries look forward to Protest Fees. On the 4th of March, out of 42 Notes and Drafts due at the Bank of Montreal, Regina, not one went to protest. This speaks for itself, as to the healthy basis on which business stands in the Queen City.

SOME people have not yet given up the hope of getting a bankruptcy act passed during the present session of the Dominion Parliament. Hopes are now expressed that the Select Committee of the House of Commons, under the chairmanship of the Hon. J. J. C. Abbotts, will report a bill in time for it to pass the House this session. The Montreal Board of Trade have some hopes of a bill being passed, and have requested the co-operation of the officers and members of the Winnipeg Board in their efforts. The co-operation of the press here is also asked.

A NUMEROUS deputation of Winnipeggers waited yesterday morning upon Attorney-General Hamilton regarding the passing of a bill amending the Land Transfer Laws, so as to introduce the Torren's system of transfer by registered certificate. Mr. F. B. Ross, who acted as spokesman of the deputation, pressed upon the Hon. gentleman the necessity for the passing of such an act during this session of the House, and drew attention to the promise of the late Attorney-General that the Government would this session make it a measure of their own. A committee composed of Judge Taylor, Judge Killam, Messrs. C. J. Brydges, W. B. Scarth, J. H. Brock, J. S. Ewart, T. B. Ross and E. G. Conklin, M.P.P., was appointed to draft a bill and have it ready for the legislature as quickly as possible, the Attorney-General promising that every effort would be made by the Government to have the bill passed this session.